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Applicants: Edmund F. La Gamma et al.

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Examiner: Anne Falk

Filed : August 22, 2000

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ASTROCYTES AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed October 2, 2002 and finally rejecting pending claims 65-75 in the above-identified application.

A response to the October 2, 2002 Final Office Action was originally due January 2, 2003. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a two-month extension of time for responding.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(b) is \$160.00. A check for ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$160.00) is enclosed herewith.

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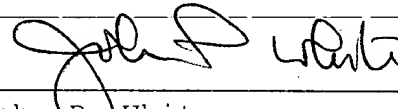
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